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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT --
PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS
ON HIS RETURN

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1. ON HIS ARRIVAL BACK AUGUST 23 FROM ATTENDING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT COLOMBO PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM MADE BRIEF STATEMENT TO PRESS AT PLAISANCE AIRPORT. RAM DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO COLOMBO AS A SORT OF PILGRIMAGE FOR IT HAD PERMITTED HIM TO MEET WITH COLLEAGUES OF LONG STANDING, BOTH POLITICIANS AND MEMBERS OF HIS PROFESSION (MEDICAL DOCTORS), SOME OF WHOM HE HAD KNOWN SINCE HIS STUDENT DAYS. HE REFERRED TO PRESENCE AT COLOMBO OF "FOUNDERS" OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BUT FOUNDERED A BIT AFTER NAMING TITO AND THEN MRS. GANDHI, DAUGHTER OF FOUNDER NEHRU. RAM THEN ALSO MENTIONED SADAT AND SAID HE NOW WORE MANTLE OF SPOKESMAN FOR ARABS WHICH HE HAD INHERITED FROM NASSER. PRIME MINISTER ALLUDED TO SPEECH BY QUADDAFI, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "SENSIBLE" (SIC) AND CONCILIATORY.

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2. ON THE CONFERENCE ITSELF RAM SAID IT WAS A SUCCESS BECAUSE

IT HAD PERMITTED THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE THE MOST DISADVANTAGED AND WHICH HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST TO FIND UNITY IN THE SAME SPIRIT AND TO FIND THE MEANS TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH GRATER CONFIDENCE AND HOPE. HE SAID THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAD PROVED WRONG THE "IMPERIALISTS" WHO HAD PREDICTED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE A FAILURE. THER WERE PROBLEMS, INDEED, BETWEEN SOME OF THE COUNTRIES, BUT THESE HAD NOT STOOD IN THE WAY OF UNITY. IN CONCLUSION THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO BE BACK IN MAURITIUS AND TO SEE THE "SMILING FACES" OF HIS PEOPLE. HE DID NOT OFFER ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE ON THE WORK OR RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE, AND JOURNALISTS PRESENT DID NOT QUERY HIM AS THEY WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC TOPICS SUCH AS FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPTEL. KEELEY

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